

Abstract of the Disclosure:

An optical fiber connector (100), which is used for interconnecting
5 ends of optical fibers (200) together with a splice device or a similar device,
comprises a connector body (10) and a protector (50), which is movably or
slidably held by the connector body (10). The connector body (10) is
provided with an arranging portion (23), which is separated from and
independent of the protector (50). The arranging portion (23) arranges the
10 optical fibers (200) so that the arrangement of the optical fibers (200) falls
within a single closed predetermined area in an XZ plane perpendicular to a
Y-direction, wherein the single closed predetermined area has a first area
size in the XZ plane. The protector (50) is provided with a front end
surface (52a), which is formed with a second opening (54). The second
15 opening (54) has a second area size in the XZ plane, which is larger than the
first area size. When the optical fibers (200) are held by the optical fiber
connector (100), the second opening (54) is never in contact with the
optical fibers (200) even during the protector (50) is moved.